

Utilities and Sustainability Task Force
Minutes from the 7/19/07 Meeting

**Next meeting: August 16, 2007, 3-5 pm, 155 Bovet Road 1st floor conference room,
San Mateo CA**

In attendance:

Bruce Chamberlain, ABAG Energy Watch
Bob Cormia, Sustainable Silicon Valley
Lori Duvall, Sun Microsystems
Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E
Richard Napier, C/CAG
Barbara Pierce, Mayor of Redwood City
Gina Blus, Consultant (staff)
Kim Springer, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)

Not in attendance:

Bill Dickenson, Belmont City Council
Deborah Gordon, Woodside City Council
Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Terry Nagel, Mayor of Burlingame
Sepi Richardson, Brisbane City Council
Mario Panoringan, Colma-Daly City Chamber of Commerce
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA
Dianne Anderson, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)

Guests:

Jill Boone, member emeritus, consultant to City of San Mateo
Brandi deGarneau, USTF student intern
Dianne Dryer, Menlo Park staff
Tyler Hammer, Sustainable San Mateo County
Tina King, Sustainable San Mateo County
Joe LaMariana, San Mateo County RecycleWorks
Jim Porter, Director of Public Works, San Mateo County
Juda Tomasoff, Aide to Supervisor Jerry Hill
Sally Tomlinson, Sustainable Silicon Valley
Erika Walther, ABAG Energy Watch

Actions items

All: please send comments on the draft Energy Strategy Report to Gina, cc'ing Kim, or call Gina with your comments.

Kathy: propose a date for the PG&E/USTF net-metering ("positive metering") subcommittee. Kim will coordinate with the USTF representatives.

Richard: ask city managers for input on the point of contact for the PG&E communication process

Staff: update the Energy Strategy Report per the feedback provided.

Notes

Status of City Adoption

Richard Napier reported that 4 or 5 of the cities have passed resolutions supporting the development of the Energy Strategy or identified points of contact for energy issues. They include Burlingame, Foster City, Redwood City and _____. Richard said that he would raise the issue of the Energy Strategy with the City Managers at his meeting with them on July 20, although they are already aware of the effort. When a draft is agreed upon by USTF, Richard will take it to the City Managers and solicit their support, input and acceptance of the strategy. He will make a presentation to the Menlo Park City Council at the end of July.

Net-Metering Task Force

Kim Springer reported that he and Bill Dickenson, Sepi Richardson, Deborah Gordon, Barbara Pierce and Richard Napier were scheduled to meet with state senator Joe Simitian on Monday, July 23 to discuss pending bills addressing net-metering.

SB451 could potentially allow local governments to offset energy use at one or more government facilities with energy “credits” generated (for example, by a solar electric system) at a different facility. PG&E supports AB 1969, which is similar to SB451 and would allow PG&E to pay customers for energy that is generated but not used.

Kathy Lavezzo said that people at PG&E are excited about working with the USTF task force on this issue. She will propose dates on which the PG&E team can meet with the USTF team.

Joint Venture Silicon Valley Climate Protection Task Force

Kim reported that the task force has met twice and is moving forward with a proposal to help local governments complete greenhouse gas emissions inventories as a bloc. The Air District announced at the last meeting that it will sponsor free, 1-day workshops at which ICLEI will help cities complete a community-wide inventory using the ICLEI software. Cities that are not ICLEI members will not be able to retain a copy of the software after the workshop, but will be able to keep the report generated by the tool.

Sustainable Silicon Valley and ICLEI have issued a joint proposal to cities involved in the JVSVN task force: if a city joins both organizations, ICLEI will help it develop an emissions inventory and SSV will support the city with its climate action planning efforts. The proposal offers a per-city price of \$13,000 if 20 communities sign up, compared to the usual cost of \$20-\$30,000. The fees would cover the development of both a communitywide and a government operations inventory. ICLEI encourages cities to have staff develop the inventory if possible, or use a consultant if necessary, to develop internal expertise with the process.

Collaboration/Communication Process

Kathy Lavezzo reported that the draft process for communicating with local governments about upcoming construction maintenance and upgrade projects is almost complete. PG&E would prefer to communicate with a single point of contact, although one elected

official and one staff member might be more effective, according to task force members. The proposal will be presented at the August meeting and can be implemented within a few months of approval.

Feedback on the Draft Energy Strategy Report

Feedback was positive about the structure and general content of the document. The discussion revealed the need for:

- an Executive Summary
- a cover letter to officials, suggesting who should read it and what to do with it
- a more detailed table of contents
- a *countywide* vision and goals, not just goals for each jurisdiction
- a shared approach to achieve the goals (e.g. an energy ordinance applicable to large homes)
- clarity on whether the strategy should make specific recommendations for each city or only provide information about all the relevant options
- interim, time-based goals, including a 2009 audit of the Energy Strategy itself
- clarity on how the strategy will be implemented and progress monitored
- acknowledgement and celebration of what businesses (and cities) have already done
- an online version with working links, potentially on the RecycleWorks website
- references to climate protection as a galvanizing force
- considering whether a more aggressive water goal is appropriate
- considering how the economic development goal might be modified or addressed

Roundtable

- . Bob Cormia has been named to a committee investigating sustainable energy architecture for planet Earth, funded by a large Silicon Valley company.
- . Bruce Chamberlain reported that the ABAG Energy Watch Climate Action Workshop was very successful, with 66 attendees from 31 jurisdictions and very high marks on the surveys.

Next meeting

PG&E collaboration and communication process

Net-metering subcommittee progress report

Energy Strategy Report discussion

- edits
- countywide vision and goals
- recommendations vs. options
- rollout and implementation plans
- review of goals